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SUBJECT: INDONESIA CANDIDACY FOR SEAT ON IAEA BOARD OF
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1. USG IN PAST HAS FOLLOWED PRACTICE GENERALLY SHARED BY
OTHER IAEA MEMBERS OF SUPPORTING CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF
GOVERNORS WHO ENJOY A CONSENSUS OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER
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MEMBERS OF THEIR REGION. IN OUR EXPERIENCE THIS HAS PROVEN
TO BE A WISE PRACTICE FOR IT AVOIDS CHARGES OF MEDDLING IN
THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER GEOGRAPHIC REGION. MOREOVER, AREA
CONSENSUS IS OFTEN NOT CLEAR UNTIL OPENING OF THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER. IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN
COMPETING CANDIDATES FROM THE SAME REGION.'

2. DEPT RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY REPLY TO INDONESIAN NOTE INDICATING OUR PLEASURE IN LEARNING OF INDONESIAN CANDIDACY AND OUR INTENTION TO BEAR IT INMIND AS THE US PREPARES FOR PARTICIPATION IN FORTHCOMING GENERAL CONFERENCE. REPLY SHOULD ALSO CITE CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF US AND OTHER MEMBER STATES OF ASCERTAINING THE PREFERENCES OF OTHER STATES IN THE REGION OR REGIONS REPRESENTED BY THE SEAT IN QUESTION BEFORE DECIDING WHICH CANDIDATE TO SUPPORT. EMBASSY MAY MAKE FOLLOWING POINT ORALLY: IF, AS IT APPEARS, THE INDONESIAN CANDIDACY HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN ITS REGION, THE US WILL SUPPORT INDONESIA'S ELECTION TO THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. CHRISTOPHER

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